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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 6, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment, without waiver or prejudice.